



## **DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA MAY 1983**

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#### **Introduction**

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#### **Seasonal adjustment**

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

#### **Related publications**

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.10). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

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#### **Symbols and other usages**

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
  - p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
  - n.a. not available
  - n.y.a. not yet available
  - break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)
7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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# PRODUCTION

| Month     | Black coal '000 tonnes | Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes | Lead (b) '000 tonnes | Electricity mil. kWh |            | Gas (c) mil. megajoules |            | Raw steel '000 tonnes |            | Cement '000 tonnes |            | Motor vehicles (d) '000 |            | Electric motors under 720 W '000 |            |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|
|           |                        |                          |                      | Original             | Seas. adj. | Original                | Seas. adj. | Original              | Seas. adj. | Original           | Seas. adj. | Original                | Seas. adj. | Original                         | Seas. adj. |
| 1981-82—  | 8,254                  |                          | 36.1                 | 8,071                | 8,687      | 31,251                  | 34,421     | 601                   | 612        | 523                | 512        | 32.6                    | 36.0       | 279                              | 325        |
| April     | 10,099                 | 22,091                   | 42.1                 | 9,178                | 8,898      | 40,493                  | 37,946     | 655                   | 635        | 555                | 524        | 39.9                    | 36.2       | 191                              | 217        |
| May       | 10,784                 |                          | 47.5                 | 9,873                | 9,026      | 43,996                  | 36,402     | 592                   | 630        | 497                | 501        | 41.4                    | 38.1       | 239                              | 242        |
| June      |                        |                          |                      |                      |            |                         |            |                       |            |                    |            |                         |            |                                  |            |
| 1982-83—  |                        |                          | (e)39.8              | 10,476               | 9,026      | 47,237                  | 37,970     | 606                   | 590        | 539                | 494        | 41.8                    | 38.4       | 223                              | 213        |
| July      | 9,778                  | 23,524                   | 30.3                 | 9,296                | 8,365      | 41,161                  | 34,358     | 561                   | 539        | 473                | 440        | 41.2                    | 38.4       | 252                              | 228        |
| August    | 9,827                  |                          | 35.7                 | 8,818                | 8,633      | 37,766                  | 35,239     | 368                   | 388        | 463                | 472        | 36.5                    | 32.7       | 271                              | 209        |
| September | 9,863                  |                          | 36.3                 | 8,697                | 8,858      | 34,236                  | 34,814     | 372                   | 372        | 479                | 459        | 32.9                    | 30.4       | 296                              | 255        |
| October   | 9,562                  |                          | 39.0                 | 8,381                | 8,919      | 34,520                  | 37,757     | 414                   | 430        | 458                | 427        | 30.7                    | 26.6       | 232                              | 200        |
| November  | 10,512                 | 18,597                   | 30.1                 | 8,293                | 8,823      | 28,659                  | 33,215     | 413                   | 407        | 420                | 433        | 24.4                    | 26.4       | 184                              | 172        |
| December  | 7,599                  |                          | 25.2                 | 7,941                | 8,660      | 26,081                  | 32,050     | 389                   | 361        | 268                | 403        | 4.1                     | 12.6       | 51                               | 129        |
| January   | 5,166                  |                          | 40.0                 | 8,000                | 8,990      | 30,678                  | 37,538     | 399                   | 428        | 389                | 399        | 30.6                    | 30.4       | 164                              | 174        |
| February  | 8,522                  | 21,156                   | 45.4                 | r8,840               | r9,039     | r34,931                 | r38,526    | 430                   | 417        | 429                | 410        | 31.2                    | 26.6       | 170                              | 153        |
| March     | 10,542                 |                          | n.y.a.               | 8,111                | 8,762      | 33,951                  | 37,441     | 396                   | 402        | 348                | 344        | 24.6                    | 25.3       | 142                              | 171        |
| April     | 7,329                  |                          | n.y.a.               | 8,956                | 40,707     | 37,862                  | 472        | 454                   | 389        | 364                | 29.2       | 25.3                    | 144        | 160                              |            |
| May       | n.y.a.                 |                          |                      |                      |            |                         |            |                       |            |                    |            |                         |            |                                  |            |

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for use through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Estimate.

## PRODUCTION—continued

| Month     | Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m(a) |            | Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m(a) |            | Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m |            | Meat '000 tonnes |            | Price index manufacturing division(b) |        | Whole milk intake by factories(c) mil. litres |            | Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool |                                   | Book value at end of quarter \$ m |            |
|-----------|---|------------|--|------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|--------|---|------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
|           | Original  | Seas. adj. | Original   | Seas. adj. | Original                       | Seas. adj. | Original         | Seas. adj. | division(b)                           |        | Original                                      | Seas. adj. | Total receipts '000 tonnes                   | % of total received by brokers(d) | Original                          | Seas. adj. |
| 1981-82—  | 3,018   | 3,275      | 816  | 852        | 11,073                         | 12,025     | 197              | 208        | 338.1                                 | 281    | 453   | 38,158     | 77.7   |                                   | 33,144                            | 33,169     |
| April     | 3,019   | 3,116      | 756  | 873        | 12,021                         | 11,249     | 207              | 206        | 340.3                                 | 240    | 483   | 36,466     | 81.5   |                                   |                                   |            |
| May       | 3,040   | 2,859      | 908  | 899        | 12,999                         | 11,091     | 214              | 219        | 343.2                                 | 226    | 458   | 28,112     | 75.8   |                                   |                                   |            |
| June      |   |            |  |            |                                |            |                  |            |                                       |        |   |            |  |                                   |                                   |            |
| 1982-83—  | 2,876   | 2,315      | 831  | 841        | 12,578                         | 10,806     | 226              | 227        | 346.4                                 | 293    | 456   | 47,083     | 81.4   |                                   | 34,445                            | 34,388     |
| July      | 3,086   | 2,875      | 836  | 840        | 10,727                         | 9,837      | 191              | 197        | 350.2                                 | 455    | 447   | 76,930     | 81.3   |                                   |                                   |            |
| August    | 3,059   | 2,603      | 843  | 802        | 10,353                         | 9,371      | 241              | 217        | 353.4                                 | 618    | 466   | 100,711    | 82.3   |                                   |                                   |            |
| September | 3,371   | 2,696      | 1,065  | 958        | 12,608                         | 11,161     | 202              | 185        | 355.5                                 | 734    | 472   | 106,079    | 81.3   |                                   | r34,329                           | r34,317    |
| October   | 2,923   | 3,017      | 1,116  | 891        | 11,028                         | 10,317     | 200              | 197        | 356.4                                 | 701    | 444   | 91,542     | 79.5   |                                   |                                   |            |
| November  | 1,915   | 2,020      | 777  | 790        | 8,028                          | 9,425      | 192              | 201        | 357.7                                 | 621    | 437   | 46,904     | 74.2   |                                   |                                   |            |
| December  | 687   | 1,746      | 523  | 1,079      | 4,570                          | 12,447     | 162              | 187        | p359.2                                | 520    | 448   | 30,472     | 82.0   |                                   | p33,950                           | p33,994    |
| January   | 2,551   | 2,653      | 943  | 873        | 9,739                          | 10,050     | 180              | 188        | p362.7                                | 375    | 420   | 39,007     | 78.4   |                                   |                                   |            |
| February  | r3,128  | r3,057     | 986  | 805        | r11,042                        | r10,494    | r199             | 184        | 365.7                                 | 323    | 413   | 40,694     | 73.3   |                                   |                                   |            |
| March     | 2,577   | 2,789      | 811  | 867        | 10,622                         | 11,862     | 170              | 186        | n.y.a.                                | n.y.a. | n.y.a.  | n.y.a.     | n.y.a.                                       |                                   |                                   |            |
| April     | 2,875   | 3,045      | 699  | 756        | 11,042                         | 10,189     | n.y.a.           | n.y.a.     | n.y.a.                                | n.y.a. | n.y.a.  | n.y.a.     | n.y.a.                                       |                                   |                                   |            |
| May       |   |            |  |            |                                |            |                  |            |                                       |        |   |            |  |                                   |                                   |            |

(a) The Commodity composition of this series has changed following the introduction of a revised production commodity classification for textile items. Figures on the new basis are available from July 1979. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (e) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

## OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

| Month     | Value of<br>total exports<br>\$m | Value of<br>total imports<br>\$m | Values<br>at average<br>1979-80 prices<br>\$m |                | Export price<br>index<br>All groups<br>1974-75 = 100 | Balance<br>on current<br>account<br>\$m | Net<br>apparent<br>capital inflow<br>\$m | Official reserve<br>assets (a)<br>\$m |
|-----------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|
|           |                                  |                                  | Exports f.o.b.                                | Imports f.o.b. |  |   |  |                                       |
|           |                                  |                                  | Seas. adj.                                    | Seas. adj.     |  |   |  |                                       |
| 1981-82—  |                                  |                                  |   |                | 189  | -826                                    | 2,003                                    | 5,204                                 |
| April     | 1,814                            | 1,904                            | 4,529   | 5,122          | 193  | -760                                    | 1,948                                    | 6,301                                 |
| May       | 1,817                            | 2,225                            |   |                | 195  | -790                                    | 1,025                                    | 6,517                                 |
| June      | 1,835                            | 2,030                            |   |                |  |   |  |                                       |
| 1982-83—  |                                  |                                  |   |                | 195  | -601                                    | 455                                      | 6,770                                 |
| July      | 2,024                            | 2,085                            |   |                | 198  | -776                                    | 330                                      | 6,711                                 |
| August    | 1,819                            | 2,048                            | 4,769   | 4,873          | 200  | -726                                    | 1,705                                    | 6,396                                 |
| September | 1,720                            | 2,187                            |   |                | 201  | -764                                    | 1,233                                    | 8,388                                 |
| October   | 1,874                            | 2,079                            | 4,629   | 4,543          | 202  | -377                                    | 1,058                                    | 9,395                                 |
| November  | 2,028                            | 1,992                            |   |                | 199  | -500                                    | 1,188                                    | 10,094                                |
| December  | 1,820                            | 1,698                            |   |                | 199  | -264                                    | 625                                      | 10,850                                |
| January   | 1,926                            | 1,383                            | 4,412   | 4,058          | p201   | -462                                    | -597                                     | 9,979                                 |
| February  | 1,641                            | 1,627                            |   |                | p210   | -465                                    | 682                                      | 10,365                                |
| March     | 1,767                            | 2,184                            |   |                | n.y.a.   | -534                                    | 1,520                                    | 11,404                                |
| April     | 1,614                            | 1,565                            |   |                | n.y.a.   | -378                                    | 272                                      | 11,124                                |
| May       | n.y.a.                           | 1,771                            |   |                |  |   |  |                                       |

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

## INTERNAL TRADE

| Month     | Retail sales(a)  |            |                    |            |  |            |              |            | New motor cars and station wagons registered '000 |            |          |            | Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000 |            |          |            | Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m |            |
|-----------|--|------------|--------------------|------------|--|------------|--------------|------------|---|------------|----------|------------|---|------------|----------|------------|---|------------|
|           | All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m |            | Food and drink \$m |            | Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m |            | Other(b) \$m |            | Original  | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original                                    | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original  | Seas. adj. |
|           | Original   | Seas. adj. | Original           | Seas. adj. | Original   | Seas. adj. | Original     | Seas. adj. |   |            |          |            |   |            |          |            |   |            |
| 1981-82—  |  |            |                    |            |  |            |              |            | 38.0  | 39.6       | 12.1     | 12.7       |   |            |          |            | 3,758   |            |
| April     | (e)3,120   | (e)3,204   | (f)4,682           | (f)4,815   | (f)3,164   | (f)3,170   | (f)1,554     | (f)1,671   | 41.2  | 40.5       | 12.8     | 12.4       |   |            |          |            | 3,817   |            |
| May       | (e)3,203   | (e)3,186   |                    |            |  |            |              |            | 44.2  | 40.7       | 15.0     | 12.8       |   |            |          |            | 3,882   |            |
| June      | (e)3,084   | (e)3,237   |                    |            |  |            |              |            |   |            |          |            |   |            |          |            |   |            |
| 1982-83—  |  |            |                    |            |  |            |              |            | 41.9  | 38.4       | 13.6     | 12.1       |   |            |          |            | 3,941   |            |
| July      | (e)3,190   | (e)3,255   |                    |            |  |            |              |            | 43.8  | 40.8       | 12.7     | 12.7       |   |            |          |            | 3,964   |            |
| August    | (e)3,080   | (e)3,227   | (f)4,760           | (f)4,861   | (f)3,009   | (f)3,160   | (f)1,612     | (f)1,693   | 39.2  | 39.4       | 11.3     | 11.4       |   |            |          |            | 3,995   |            |
| September | (e)3,163   | (e)3,242   |                    |            |  |            |              |            | 36.5  | 38.6       | 11.4     | 12.0       |   |            |          |            | 3,959   |            |
| October   | (e)3,272   | (e)3,333   |                    |            |  |            |              |            | 36.2  | 36.1       | 10.5     | 10.9       |   |            |          |            | 4,041   |            |
| November  | (e)3,482   | (e)3,382   | n.y.a.             | n.y.a.     | n.y.a.   | n.y.a.     | n.y.a.       | n.y.a.     | 47.7  | 47.0       | 9.9      | 10.2       |   |            |          |            | 4,081   |            |
| December  | (e)4,578   | (e)3,309   |                    |            |  |            |              |            | 26.2  | 32.4       | 8.7      | 10.9       |   |            |          |            | 4,057   |            |
| January   | (e)3,132   | (e)3,437   |                    |            |  |            |              |            | 29.7  | 32.1       | 10.5     | 11.3       |   |            |          |            | 4,037   |            |
| February  | (e)3,053   | (e)3,458   | n.y.a.             | n.y.a.     | n.y.a.   | n.y.a.     | n.y.a.       | n.y.a.     | 43.5  | 40.1       | 13.5     | 12.1       |   |            |          |            | 4,071   |            |
| March     | (e)3,471   | (e)3,543   |                    |            |  |            |              |            | r31.4   | r33.6      | r10.8    | r11.6      |   |            |          |            | 4,042   |            |
| April     | (e)3,379   | (e)3,487   |                    |            |  |            |              |            | p38.0   | p36.4      | p11.8    | p11.3      |   |            |          |            | n.y.a.  |            |
| May       | n.y.a.   | n.y.a.     |                    |            |  |            |              |            |   |            |          |            |   |            |          |            |   |            |

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: February \$149m; March \$174m; April \$150m. (e) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (f) Based on the 1979-80 retail census.

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

| Month     | Weekly earnings of employees (\$/w) |             | Award rates of pay index (x100), adult persons June 1976 = 100 | Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c) | Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities, 1980-81 = 100(d) |       |          |         |                                   |                |       |       | Tobacco and alcohol | Health and personal care | Recreation and education(e) |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|--|--|-------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|           | All males                           | All females |  |  | All groups   | Food  | Clothing | Housing | Household equipment and operation | Transportation |       |       |                     |                          |                             |
|           |                                     |             |  |  |  |       |          |         |                                   |                |       |       |                     |                          |                             |
| 1981-82—  |                                     |             |  |  |  |       |          |         |                                   |                |       |       |                     |                          |                             |
| April     |                                     |             | 173.1  |  |  |       |          |         |                                   |                |       |       |                     |                          |                             |
| May       |                                     |             | 173.8  |  |  |       |          |         |                                   |                |       |       |                     |                          |                             |
| June      | 326.00                              | 215.50      | 177.1  | 1.45   | 114.5  | 110.7 | 110.0    | 115.9   | 115.6                             | 114.7          | 112.9 | 134.5 | 101.2               |                          |                             |
| 1982-83—  |                                     |             |  |  |  |       |          |         |                                   |                |       |       |                     |                          |                             |
| July      |                                     |             | 179.3  |  |  |       |          |         |                                   |                |       |       |                     |                          |                             |
| August    | 333.70                              | 221.80      | 181.4  | 1.26   | 118.5  | 114.0 | 111.2    | 118.9   | 119.1                             | 121.1          | 118.0 | 143.1 | 103.3               |                          |                             |
| September |                                     |             | 182.1  |  |  |       |          |         |                                   |                |       |       |                     |                          |                             |
| October   |                                     |             | 182.6  |  |  |       |          |         |                                   |                |       |       |                     |                          |                             |
| November  | 341.50                              | 223.60      | 183.5  | 1.30   | 122.0  | 116.8 | 113.7    | 122.3   | 123.6                             | 122.7          | 124.0 | 151.2 | 105.7               |                          |                             |
| December  |                                     |             | 184.2  |  |  |       |          |         |                                   |                |       |       |                     |                          |                             |
| January   |                                     |             | 184.4  |  |  |       |          |         |                                   |                |       |       |                     |                          |                             |
| February  | 345.00                              | 230.30      | 184.5  | 1.14   | 124.7  | 118.9 | 113.9    | 124.1   | 125.5                             | 126.4          | 125.8 | 157.4 | 109.8               |                          |                             |
| March     |                                     |             | 184.5  | 1.19   |  |       |          |         |                                   |                |       |       |                     |                          |                             |
| April     |                                     |             | 184.5  |  |  |       |          |         |                                   |                |       |       |                     |                          |                             |

(a) The Average weekly earnings per employed male unit has been replaced by a new series based on a quarterly survey of employees. Figures for 'all males' prior to September quarter 1981 are estimates based on the relationship of the two series for September quarter 1981. An explanation of the linking of the series is given in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, December Quarter 1981 (Preliminary)* (6301.0), and an explanation of the differences between the series is provided in an *Information Paper* (6336.0). (b) New series. See *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia, September 1982* (6312.0). (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see *August issue of Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (d) With the introduction of the tenth series of the CPI, the reference base of the CPI series has been changed to 1980-81 = 100.00. The main CPI series published becomes that for the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Monthly index series are no longer compiled for the food group. (e) New grouping introduced from March quarter 1982. Base of index series: March quarter 1982 = 100.0.

## BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

| Month     | Building approvals \$m |            | Building approvals dwellings 1000 units |            | Government building approved \$m | Building commenced, total(a) \$m |            | Dwellings commenced(a) 1000 units |            | Price indexes                       |   | New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)(e) |            |                             |            |
|-----------|------------------------|------------|---|------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|------------|-----------------------------|------------|
|           | Original               | Seas. adj. | Original                                | Seas. adj. |                                  | Original                         | Seas. adj. | Original                          | Seas. adj. | Materials used in house building(b) | Materials used in building other than house building(c) | New buildings and structures                                  |            | Other new capital equipment |            |
|           |                        |            |   |            |                                  |                                  |            |                                   |            |                                     |   | Original  | Seas. adj. | Original                    | Seas. adj. |
|           |                        |            |   |            |                                  |                                  |            |                                   |            |                                     |   |   |            |                             |            |
| 1981-82—  |                        |            |   |            |                                  |                                  |            |                                   |            |                                     |   |   |            |                             |            |
| April     | 766.2                  | 811.1      | 10.3                                    | 10.6       | 80.6                             | 2,465.6                          | 2,421.8    | 28.4                              | 28.1       | 393.1                               | 131.0   | 1,346.7   | 1,303.8    | 3,270.4                     | 2,991.2    |
| May       | 877.5                  | 837.2      | 10.3                                    | 10.0       | 104.0                            |                                  |            |                                   |            | 395.9                               | 132.0   |   |            |                             |            |
| June      | 943.7                  | 839.3      | 10.2                                    | 9.1        | 135.9                            |                                  |            |                                   |            | 398.7                               | 133.8   |   |            |                             |            |
| 1982-83—  |                        |            |   |            |                                  |                                  |            |                                   |            |                                     |   |   |            |                             |            |
| July      | 861.0                  | 844.1      | 10.2                                    | 10.3       | 110.5                            |                                  |            |                                   |            | 402.8                               | 135.7   |   |            |                             |            |
| August    | 792.2                  | 772.6      | 9.6                                     | 9.3        | 123.4                            | 2,553.6                          | 2,499.5    | 26.6                              | 25.9       | 405.8                               | 137.0   | 1,368.7   | 1,412.4    | 2,733.2                     | 2,756.2    |
| September | 725.5                  | 689.0      | 9.3                                     | 9.0        | 108.3                            |                                  |            |                                   |            | 408.5                               | 138.1   |   |            |                             |            |
| October   | 722.3                  | 741.3      | 8.6                                     | 8.5        | 126.4                            | 2,158.1                          | 2,259.7    | 25.0                              | 25.4       | 409.7                               | 138.8   | (d)1,219.1  | (d)1,061.6 | 3,111.6                     | 2,971.0    |
| November  | 753.9                  | 672.3      | 9.6                                     | 8.9        | 111.9                            |                                  |            |                                   |            | 410.8                               | 139.4   |   |            |                             |            |
| December  | 740.2                  | 767.1      | 8.4                                     | 8.9        | 162.0                            |                                  |            |                                   |            | 412.4                               | 140.5   |   |            |                             |            |
| January   | 570.8                  | 740.5      | 7.1                                     | 9.3        | 98.3                             | n.y.a.                           | n.y.a.     | n.y.a.                            | n.y.a.     | 415.7                               | 141.5   | 907.3   | 1,068.3    | 2,351.4                     | 2,711.2    |
| February  | 829.1                  | 948.2      | 9.6                                     | 10.8       | 273.2                            |                                  |            |                                   |            | 419.0                               | 142.0   |   |            |                             |            |
| March     | 809.6                  | 735.3      | 11.4                                    | 9.9        | 153.7                            |                                  |            |                                   |            | 422.5                               | 142.8   |   |            |                             |            |
| April     | 714.9                  | 800.1      | 9.7                                     | 10.5       | 130.8                            |                                  |            |                                   |            | 425.4                               | 143.5   |   |            |                             |            |
| May       | n.y.a.                 | n.y.a.     | n.y.a.                                  | n.y.a.     | n.y.a.                           |                                  |            |                                   |            | n.y.a.                              | n.y.a.  |   |            |                             |            |

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement (issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0) entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0. (d) Prior to December Quarter 1982, data include the value of speculatively built construction projects by enterprises in the finance, property and business services industries. (e) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

# FINANCE

| FINANCE   |  |            |                         |            |                 |            |   |  |                             |        |   |  |  |
|-----------|--|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|---|--|-----------------------------|--------|---|--|--|
| Month     | Savings banks—<br>depositors'<br>balances (a)<br>\$m |            | Major trading banks (b) |            |                 |            | Finance<br>companies<br>balances<br>outstanding<br>(c)<br>\$m | Housing finance for<br>owner occupation<br>value of loans approved (d) |                             |        | Common-<br>wealth<br>bond yield<br>short<br>dated (f)<br>per cent | Listed<br>companies<br>new<br>money<br>raised<br>\$m | Taxation revenue<br>Commonwealth and<br>State consolidated<br>revenue funds<br>\$m |
|           |  |            | Deposits<br>\$m         |            | Advances<br>\$m |            |   | Permanent<br>building<br>societies<br>\$m                              | Other<br>lenders (e)<br>\$m |        |   |  |  |
|           | Original   | Seas. adj. | Original                | Seas. adj. | Original        | Seas. adj. | Banks<br>\$m  |  |                             | \$m    | \$m   |  |  |
| 1981-82—  |  |            |                         |            |                 |            |   |  |                             |        |   |  | 5,427  |
| April     | 24,242   | 24,641     | 29,278                  | 28,883     | 22,348          | 22,215     | 26,734  | 282  | 145                         | 97     | 15.60   | 624.5  | 5,340  |
| May       | 24,550   | 24,817     | 29,652                  | 30,140     | 22,382          | 22,131     | 27,147  | 309  | 127                         | 105    | 16.40   |  | 4,154  |
| June      | 25,047   | 25,001     | 29,457                  | 30,166     | 22,119          | 22,259     | 27,560  | 350  | 118                         | 100    | 16.40   |  |  |
| 1982-83—  |  |            |                         |            |                 |            |   |  |                             |        |   |  | 3,272  |
| July      | 24,975   | 25,042     | 29,569                  | 30,706     | 22,569          | 22,498     | 27,973  | 307  | 109                         | 95     | 16.40   | 804.3  | 4,032  |
| August    | 25,266   | 25,242     | 29,857                  | 30,748     | 22,639          | 22,674     | 28,149  | 328  | 114                         | 84     | 16.60   |  | 3,019  |
| September | 25,344   | 25,360     | 30,631                  | 31,013     | 22,817          | 22,822     | 28,579  | 369  | 110                         | 88     | 15.20   |  | 3,245  |
| October   | 25,704   | 25,610     | 30,613                  | 30,640     | 23,121          | 22,860     | 28,947  | 356  | 116                         | 88     | 14.40   | 705.2  | 4,177  |
| November  | 25,910   | 25,905     | 31,022                  | 30,974     | 22,948          | 22,815     | 28,967  | 384  | 131                         | 94     | 14.20   |  | 3,251  |
| December  | 27,063   | 26,917     | 31,424                  | 30,917     | 22,866          | 22,693     | 28,940  | 379  | 128                         | 93     | 14.00   |  | 3,656  |
| January   | 28,155   | 27,950     | 30,321                  | 29,730     | 22,690          | 22,812     | 28,594  | 348  | 125                         | 79     | 12.55   | n.y.a.   | 3,768  |
| February  | 28,935   | 28,646     | 30,177                  | 29,315     | 22,642          | 23,060     | 28,292  | 450  | 199                         | 96     | 13.00   |  | 4,160  |
| March     | 28,681   | 28,727     | 31,305                  | 30,091     | 23,246          | 23,574     | 28,162  | 513  | 223                         | 121    | 14.10   |  | 5,739  |
| April     | 28,424   | 28,862     | 31,442                  | 31,033     | 23,655          | 23,512     | n.y.a.  | 368  | 176                         | 107    | 12.60   |  | n.y.a.   |
| May       | n.y.a.   | n.y.a.     | 31,390                  | 31,889     | 23,861          | 23,590     | n.y.a.  | n.y.a.   | n.y.a.                      | n.y.a. | 12.10   |  |  |

Notes: (a) and (b) are as at the end of the month. (c) is as at the end of the month. (d) is as at the end of the month. (e) is as at the end of the month. (f) is as at the end of the month. For further details see the monthly financial statements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

# NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

| Quarter                     | Final consumption expenditure                  |            |                               |            |                        |            |          |            |                                 |            |   |                        | Gross fixed capital expenditure |                             |          |            |
|-----------------------------|--|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|----------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
|                             | Gross domestic product                         |            | Gross farm product            |            | Gross non-farm product |            | Private  |            | Government                      |            |   |                        | Private                         |                             | Public   |            |
|                             |  |            |                               |            |                        |            |          |            |                                 |            |   |                        |                                 |                             |          |            |
|                             | Original                                       | Seas. adj. | Original                      | Seas. adj. | Original               | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original                        | Seas. adj. | Original                                  | Seas. adj.             | Original                        | Seas. adj.                  | Original | Seas. adj. |
| AT CURRENT PRICES           |  |            |                               |            |                        |            |          |            |                                 |            |   |                        |                                 |                             |          |            |
| 1981-82—                    |  |            |                               |            |                        |            |          |            |                                 |            |   |                        |                                 |                             |          |            |
| December                    | 40,521   | 36,356     | 3,821                         | 1,864      | 36,700                 | 34,492     | 23,290   | 22,006     | 6,577                           | 6,264      | 7,621                                     | 7,249                  | 2,075                           | 2,019                       |          |            |
| March                       | 34,928   | 37,038     | 1,347                         | 1,792      | 33,581                 | 35,246     | 21,648   | 22,631     | 5,772                           | 6,186      | 5,852                                     | 6,495                  | 2,540                           | 2,870                       |          |            |
| June                        | 36,921   | 38,592     | 766                           | 1,760      | 36,155                 | 36,832     | 23,270   | 23,507     | 6,999                           | 6,790      | 7,278                                     | 6,863                  | 3,217                           | 2,794                       |          |            |
| 1982-83—                    |  |            |                               |            |                        |            |          |            |                                 |            |   |                        |                                 |                             |          |            |
| September                   | 39,029   | 39,453     | 1,431                         | 1,629      | 37,598                 | 37,824     | 23,965   | 24,071     | 6,625                           | 6,722      | 6,297                                     | 6,366                  | 3,214                           | 3,425                       |          |            |
| December                    | 43,884   | 40,156     | 2,733                         | 1,412      | 41,151                 | 38,744     | 26,280   | 24,823     | 7,707                           | 7,324      | 6,466                                     | 6,144                  | 3,503                           | 3,424                       |          |            |
| March                       | 37,887   | 39,974     | 1,180                         | 1,417      | 36,707                 | 38,557     | 24,349   | 25,468     | 7,134                           | 7,649      | 5,470                                     | 6,079                  | 2,852                           | 3,229                       |          |            |
| AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES   |  |            |                               |            |                        |            |          |            |                                 |            |   |                        |                                 |                             |          |            |
| 1981-82—                    |  |            |                               |            |                        |            |          |            |                                 |            |   |                        |                                 |                             |          |            |
| December                    | 34,181   | 30,335     | 3,678                         | 1,901      | 30,503                 | 28,434     | 19,678   | 18,598     | 5,248                           | 5,021      | 6,396                                     | 6,085                  | 1,686                           | 1,637                       |          |            |
| March                       | 28,330   | 30,307     | 1,472                         | 1,943      | 26,858                 | 28,364     | 17,908   | 18,724     | 4,517                           | 4,812      | 4,715                                     | 5,236                  | 1,993                           | 2,256                       |          |            |
| June                        | 28,941   | 30,368     | 1,070                         | 1,947      | 27,871                 | 28,421     | 18,802   | 18,954     | 5,195                           | 5,026      | 5,653                                     | 5,325                  | 2,423                           | 2,103                       |          |            |
| 1982-83—                    |  |            |                               |            |                        |            |          |            |                                 |            |   |                        |                                 |                             |          |            |
| September                   | 30,023   | 30,330     | 1,738                         | 1,781      | 28,285                 | 28,549     | 18,694   | 18,818     | 4,908                           | 4,998      | 4,749                                     | 4,803                  | 2,330                           | 2,481                       |          |            |
| December                    | 32,949   | 29,891     | 2,518                         | 1,538      | 30,431                 | 28,353     | 20,012   | 18,881     | 5,444                           | 5,199      | 4,808                                     | 4,571                  | 2,481                           | 2,425                       |          |            |
| March                       | 27,774   | 29,653     | 1,224                         | 1,520      | 26,550                 | 28,133     | 18,197   | 19,054     | 5,061                           | 5,392      | 3,999                                     | 4,445                  | 1,988                           | 2,251                       |          |            |
| AT CURRENT PRICES—continued |  |            |                               |            |                        |            |          |            |                                 |            |   |                        |                                 |                             |          |            |
| Quarter                     | Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises |            |                               |            |                        |            |          |            |                                 |            |   |                        |                                 |                             |          |            |
|                             | Imports of goods and services                  |            | Exports of goods and services |            | Companies              |            | Other    |            | Wages, salaries and supplements |            | Income of farm unincorporated enterprises | Other household income | Less direct taxes, etc. (a)     | Household disposable income |          |            |
|                             | Original                                       | Seas. adj. | Original                      | Seas. adj. | Original               | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original                        | Seas. adj. |   |                        |                                 |                             |          |            |
| 1981-82—                    |  |            |                               |            |                        |            |          |            |                                 |            |   |                        |                                 |                             |          |            |
| December                    | 6,784  | 6,864      | 5,328                         | 5,291      | 4,920                  | 4,285      | 10,060   | 7,464      | 21,039                          | 20,107     | 2,870                                     | 10,707                 | 4,629                           | 29,987                      |          |            |
| March                       | 7,318  | 7,275      | 5,767                         | 5,776      | 3,354                  | 3,779      | 6,699    | 7,572      | 20,083                          | 21,008     | 450                                       | 8,881                  | 6,276                           | 23,138                      |          |            |
| June                        | 7,541  | 7,591      | 6,123                         | 5,941      | 3,974                  | 4,185      | 6,237    | 7,668      | 21,717                          | 21,843     | -114                                      | 11,602                 | 8,932                           | 24,273                      |          |            |
| 1982-83—                    |  |            |                               |            |                        |            |          |            |                                 |            |   |                        |                                 |                             |          |            |
| September                   | 7,510  | 7,416      | 6,127                         | 6,264      | 3,740                  | 3,739      | 8,027    | 7,982      | 22,635                          | 22,890     | 536                                       | 10,058                 | 5,650                           | 27,579                      |          |            |
| December                    | 7,070  | 7,164      | 6,240                         | 6,247      | 4,646                  | 4,035      | 9,988    | 7,939      | 23,994                          | 22,938     | 1,758                                     | 12,663                 | 5,474                           | 32,941                      |          |            |
| March                       | 6,537  | 6,495      | 6,049                         | 6,120      | 3,405                  | 3,804      | 7,314    | 8,000      | 21,763                          | 22,893     | 263                                       | 10,956                 | 6,405                           | 26,577                      |          |            |

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

| CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000) |          |            |          |            |          |            |                            |         |                            |       |         |         |                      | JOB VACANCIES ('000) |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|----------------------------|---------|----------------------------|-------|---------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|
| UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)    |          |            |          |            |          |            |                            |         |                            |       |         |         |                      |                      |
| Month                            | Males    |            | Females  |            | Persons  |            | Looking for full-time work |         | Looking for part-time work | Total |         |         | Survey estimates (c) |                      |
|                                  | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Males                      | Females |                            | Males | Females | Persons |                      |                      |
|                                  |          |            |          |            |          |            |                            |         |                            |       |         |         |                      |                      |
| 1981-82—                         |          |            |          |            |          |            |                            |         |                            |       |         |         |                      |                      |
| April                            | 4,289.9  | 4,294.2    | 2,542.5  | 2,533.2    | 6,832.4  | 6,827.4    | 210.2                      | 153.1   | 72.8                       | 227.2 | 209.0   | 436.2   | 25.3                 |                      |
| May                              | 4,306.8  | 4,309.7    | 2,547.9  | 2,542.2    | 6,854.7  | 6,851.9    | 219.8                      | 152.8   | 77.3                       | 239.8 | 210.0   | 449.9   |                      |                      |
| June                             | 4,294.1  | 4,314.8    | 2,532.4  | 2,540.6    | 6,826.5  | 6,855.4    | 215.8                      | 150.8   | 81.2                       | 239.5 | 208.3   | 447.8   |                      |                      |
| 1982-83—                         |          |            |          |            |          |            |                            |         |                            |       |         |         |                      |                      |
| July                             | 4,307.8  | 4,323.2    | 2,534.4  | 2,542.5    | 6,842.2  | 6,865.7    | 233.1                      | 142.9   | 74.2                       | 253.3 | 196.9   | 450.3   | 21.5                 |                      |
| August                           | 4,287.5  | 4,321.2    | 2,518.6  | 2,542.0    | 6,806.0  | 6,863.2    | 249.9                      | 135.6   | 73.1                       | 271.0 | 187.5   | 458.5   |                      |                      |
| September                        | 4,352.9  | 4,345.5    | 2,567.1  | 2,548.5    | 6,920.0  | 6,894.0    | 271.6                      | 149.1   | 85.2                       | 293.7 | 212.1   | 505.9   |                      |                      |
| October                          | 4,354.6  | 4,376.9    | 2,582.4  | 2,581.8    | 6,937.0  | 6,958.7    | 286.6                      | 158.4   | 91.8                       | 307.3 | 229.6   | 536.8   | 16.4                 |                      |
| November                         | 4,331.2  | 4,373.7    | 2,571.4  | 2,568.8    | 6,902.6  | 6,942.5    | 313.5                      | 170.4   | 68.1                       | 326.9 | 225.1   | 552.0   |                      |                      |
| December                         | 4,412.4  | 4,351.1    | 2,618.4  | 2,582.7    | 7,030.8  | 6,933.8    | 378.4                      | 206.8   | 88.8                       | 404.7 | 269.2   | 674.0   |                      |                      |
| January                          | 4,361.3  | 4,336.8    | 2,495.1  | 2,581.6    | 6,856.4  | 6,918.4    | 409.2                      | 216.2   | 66.2                       | 431.5 | 260.2   | 691.7   | 16.9                 |                      |
| February                         | 4,400.6  | 4,359.8    | 2,601.7  | 2,587.0    | 7,002.2  | 6,946.9    | 418.2                      | 234.7   | 94.4                       | 441.3 | 305.9   | 747.3   |                      |                      |
| March                            | 4,387.2  | 4,362.5    | 2,645.3  | 2,602.6    | 7,032.4  | 6,965.1    | 412.2                      | 223.8   | 95.6                       | 435.3 | 296.4   | 731.6   |                      |                      |
| April                            | 4,364.9  | 4,375.6    | 2,585.4  | 2,574.4    | 6,950.3  | 6,950.1    | 407.2                      | 203.2   | 96.7                       | 430.6 | 276.6   | 707.2   | 17.5                 |                      |
| May                              | 4,368.3  | 4,372.9    | 2,661.3  | 2,605.1    | 6,979.6  | 6,978.0    | 413.3                      | 212.6   | 92.7                       | 436.0 | 282.6   |         |                      |                      |

(a) All about force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA(a)**  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
(('000))

| Month     | Civilian employees |         |       |         |                    |         |       |         |       |         | Defence Forces(b) | Total Government |         |
|-----------|--------------------|---------|-------|---------|--------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------------------|------------------|---------|
|           | Commonwealth       |         | State |         | Northern Territory |         | Local |         | Total |         |                   |                  |         |
|           | Males              | Females | Males | Females | Males              | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females |                   |                  | Persons |
|           |                    |         |       |         |                    |         |       |         |       |         |                   |                  |         |
| 1982—     |                    |         |       |         |                    |         |       |         |       |         |                   |                  |         |
| February  | 276.2              | 127.9   | 579.3 | 419.8   | 7.7                | 6.5     | 103.8 | 28.8    | 966.9 | 583.1   | 1,550.0           | 73.3             | 1,623.3 |
| March     | 276.1              | 128.4   | 581.0 | 423.7   | 7.7                | 6.6     | 104.2 | 28.8    | 968.9 | 587.6   | 1,556.5           | 73.4             | 1,629.9 |
| April     | 275.6              | 128.7   | 579.9 | 424.3   | 7.7                | 6.6     | 104.1 | 28.9    | 967.3 | 588.5   | 1,555.8           | 73.4             | 1,629.2 |
| May       | 275.1              | 128.5   | 581.8 | 421.8   | 7.7                | 6.6     | 104.1 | 28.8    | 968.7 | 585.8   | 1,554.5           | 73.3             | 1,627.8 |
| June      | 274.7              | 127.4   | 582.3 | 426.9   | 7.6                | 6.6     | 104.5 | 28.9    | 969.0 | 589.9   | 1,558.9           | 73.2             | 1,632.1 |
| July      | 273.9              | 128.2   | 581.2 | 426.1   | 7.5                | 6.5     | 104.2 | 29.0    | 966.8 | 589.8   | 1,556.6           | 73.2             | 1,629.8 |
| August    | 274.4              | 128.7   | 580.9 | 427.5   | 7.5                | 6.3     | 104.1 | 29.2    | 967.0 | 591.4   | 1,558.4           | 73.1             | 1,631.5 |
| September | 275.0              | 129.6   | 580.5 | 428.2   | 7.6                | 6.4     | 104.2 | 29.4    | 967.2 | 593.4   | 1,560.5           | 73.0             | 1,633.5 |
| October   | 275.5              | 130.0   | 580.0 | 428.7   | 7.6                | 6.3     | 104.3 | 29.6    | 967.7 | 594.5   | 1,561.7           | 73.1             | 1,634.8 |
| November  | 276.2              | 130.9   | 579.6 | 427.6   | 7.6                | 6.3     | 104.3 | 29.6    | 967.7 | 594.3   | 1,562.1           | 73.0             | 1,635.1 |
| December  | 277.1              | 131.5   | 577.8 | 422.1   | 7.5                | 6.1     | 104.4 | 29.3    | 966.9 | 589.1   | 1,556.0           | 72.7             | 1,628.7 |
| 1983—     |                    |         |       |         |                    |         |       |         |       |         |                   |                  |         |
| January   | 276.4              | 130.8   | 578.6 | 410.0   | 7.6                | 6.3     | 104.7 | 29.2    | 967.3 | 576.3   | 1,543.6           | 73.1             | 1,616.7 |
| February  | 276.7              | 131.2   | 581.5 | 423.8   | 7.6                | 6.4     | 105.7 | 30.0    | 971.5 | 591.4   | 1,562.9           | 73.2             | 1,636.1 |
| March     | 276.1              | 131.4   | 584.5 | 428.9   | 7.7                | 6.3     | 105.8 | 30.3    | 974.0 | 596.9   | 1,571.0           | 73.2             | 1,644.2 |

(a) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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